



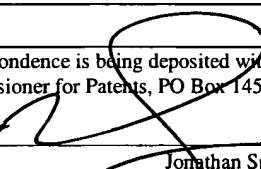
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed July 24, 2006, having a one-month period for response which expired August 24, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered in the above-identified reissue application. Please amend the application as follows: